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Applicant: Board of Trustees Operating )  
Michigan State University et al. )  
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International )  
Application No: PCT/US99/02897 )  
For: MICRO-FASTENING SYSTEM )  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE )

REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION  
AND ARTICLE 34 AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A microfastening system comprising:  
a first fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes; and  
a second fastening element including a plurality of extending nanotubes;  
whereby upon joining said first and second fastening elements, the extending  
nanotubes from each element become mechanically interconnected without requiring  
the degradation of said nanotubes.

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9. (Amended) A microfastener comprising:  
a substrate including an attachment surface; and